

The H U M B L E
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O F F I C E R S,
Met at *Dalkeith*, the 5. of *May*, 1653. In behalf
of Themselves, and the Forces in
S C O T L A N D:

Shewing their hearty Concurrence with His EXCELLENCY
The LORD-GENERAL
C R O M V V E L,
AND HIS
C O U N C I L of OFFICERS
At *WHITE-HALL*, in the Dissolving the late
P A R L I A M E N T.



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MEMORIALS
OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL

OF
OFFICERS
SCOTLAND.

Presented to the House of Commons
in the year 1801.

CROMWELL
AND HIS
COUNCIL OF OFFICERS
AT WHITEHALL, in the Beginning of the late
PARLIAMENT.




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The HUMBLE
REMONSTRANCE
OF THE
GENERAL-COUNCEL

of OFFICERS, met at *Dalkeith*
the 5. of *May*, 1653.
In behalf of Themselfs, and the Forces
in SCOTLAND.

 Onfidering the late DECLARATION from your Excellency and General-Council, shewing the Grounds and Reasons for the Dissolution of the late Parliament, who were chosen by the People for the Common-good, and to procure the wel-being of those by whom they were entrusted, to remove
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Oppression and Arbitrary power, and all Obstacles to the Peace and Freedom of these Nations, whose Interests they ought to have preferr'd before their own particular; and that after so long expectation of some fruit of what they have formerly Remonstrated and declared unto the People, and so many years continuance, falling short of that good they might have done, they should still so strangely (to the breach of those Gentlemen's Engagements to Your Lordship and the Council, mentioned in your late Declaration) endeavour to perpetuate themselves, and thereby still to enslave the Nation. VVe cannot but blesse the good hand of God in stirring up your hearts, to bear witness against those Evils and Corruptions amongst them, which too manifestly abound, and are clearly evident, to the
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fadding of the hearts of good men; and
 esteem it a wonderful providence that
 directed you to so necessary and accept-
 able a VVork. VVe trust that the
 Lord hath not onely led you through
 many difficulties from time to time even
 to this present Undertaking, but herein
 given you wisdom and courage once a-
 gain to put forth your selves in the great
 work of the Lord and his People, in the
 reviving those Rights and Priviledges
 that have too long been stifled; whereby
 the hearts of Thousands are refresh'd, as
 appears by the good Resentment that is
 everywhere had of it: And we rest as-
 sured and confident, the Lord will lead
 you by the right hand of his Love, and
 make you to walk in even paths, teach
 you to understand wisdom and righ-
 teousnesse, and inable you so to man-
 nage those weighty Affairs (which he
 hath

hath now so seasonably call'd you unto)
as that the hands of all good People
may be strengthened by you, and an
happy Reformation produc'd in a greater
measure, and shorter time, then
was ever like to have been by the perpetual
sitting of these men, whom the Lord
hath been pleased now to lay aside: and
herein we shall not onely pray for you,
and rejoyce to see these things brought
forth by your waiting upon the Lord, &
studying Righteousnesse and Peace, but
shal also (as far as the Lord shal inable
us) with our hearts and all our might,
be ready to joyn with you, and to own
you in the further Prosecution of this
great work, with which we hope neither
our lives, nor any external comfort shall
come in competition: And we doubt not
but all honest hearts in these Nations (as
in the Army, which have not bowed
their

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their knees to *Baal*, will (to a Man)
second you in making good every filla-
ble of what has been formerly declared,
& at length we hope the Lord will settle
the Nations in Peace, and in the mean
while raise up your spirits to tread upon
and scorn those vile things that have
polluted the hearts and hands of many
of those that have gone before you, and
to Act to the praise of his great Name,
and the Comfort and exceeding Re-
freshment of all his People throughout
the world.

VVe shal not say much more at pre-
sent, but desire, That you may go forth
in the strength of our GOD; then
shall the VVork of the LORD pro-
sper in your Hand, and those mighty
Lions (that have lyen in the way of a
pure and righteous Reformation) be
removed.

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removed, and we trust, our vows and
promises shall be no more forgotten,
nor shall we be led back again to stoop
to any *Egyptian* Yoke of Bondage,
either in Spirituall or Temporal Kingly
powers.

Dalkeith, May 5.

1653.

Signed in the Name, and by
the Appointment of the Commander
in Chief, and the Councel of Offi-
cers of the Forces in Scotland.

WILL. CLARK Secret.

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